

Morning, and inspect the condition of the library. They were very much interested in the librarians - an educated and intelligent prisoner who has carefully and systematically arranged the books - noting the number of engravings, and of fly-leaves in each, and requiring them to be returned in precisely the same condition in which they have been lent. But altho this privilege has been granted by the present Warden and we have no fear that the library will be neglected during his administration - yet in anticipating a change of officers who may be less friendly to us - and less willing to permit an oversight of the books - we would suggest whether it would not be well to obtain some grants from the present Board of Directors giving us some claims upon the library, and conferring some authority in the future -

W. A. Tyson, A. Scholfield, M. Read, S. Green, M. Martin & H. Lytle & Alice Brooks are named to visit next mo -

W. A. Tyson and H. Lytle - were requested to have an interview with the Warden and some of the Directors if necessary, to ascertain in what way they may obtain some permanent authority over the library. adjourned H. Lytle Secy

At a meeting of Friends Association for visiting the Penitentiary held 5<sup>th</sup> mo 24 - 5 Friends present

The Committee appointed to confer with the Warden and some of the Directors of the Prison as to the mode in which they may retain some authority over the library, having been advised to address the Board of Directors presented the following which was approved -

To The Board of Directors of

The Maryland Penitentiary

We have lately made efforts to procure a library for the benefit of the Prisoners in the Penitentiary and have succeeded in collecting several hundred volumes of valuable books.

A small library obtained for this Prison some years ago by Brother Dix has been destroyed or so mutilated as to be of but little value.

When applications were made for the present collection doubts were often expressed of their being appreciated or preserved, and a consequent hesitation seemed to be felt with many persons about giving them.